[English]

Grant of Visas

2630. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of visas granted to foreigners to visit India during 1995 registered a steep increase as compared to the previous two years;

(b) if so, the comparative figures thereof;

(c) the number of foreigners granted Indian citizenship during 1995-96 and

(d) the number of foreigners in the country as on March, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). As per information received from various Indian Missions abroad during the year 1995, 974426 foreigners were granted to visit India as compared to 702892 visas granted in 1994 and 706870 visas granted in 1993.

(c) During the years 1995 and 1996 (upto 30th November, 1996) 459 foreigners were granted Indian citizenship.

(d) Figures regarding registered foreigners in India are maintained by the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations which are compiled annually. As on 31-12-95, 204463 registered foreigners (excluding Pak nationals) were present in India.

Sugar Export

2631. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the total sugar so far exported to Pakistan during the current financial year along with the cost thereof;

(b) whether the rates of sugar were much less than at which the Pakistan was getting sugar from the other countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are exporting sugar to other countries; and

(e) if so, the quantity exported being exported along with the cost thereof during each of the last two years and 1996-97 so far, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) As per the Export Agency viz. M/s. Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd. (ISGIEIC), a quantity of about 2.77 lakh tonnes of sugar valuing Rs. 354.53 crores (approx.) has been exported to Pakistan, during the current Financial Year 1996-97 (upto 30.11.96).

(b) and (c). The export of sugar has been made by ISGIEIC Ltd. as per their commercial judgement.

(d) No sugar has been exported by the Government. These exports are being undertaken by the Notified Export Agencies viz. STC and ISGIEIC Ltd., under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958.

(e) The details of the sugar exported as furnished by the Export Agencies during the Financial Years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Countrywise details of Sugar Exported and Value thereof during financial years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto 30.11.96)

Financal Year : 1994-95

S No	Name of the Country	Quantity (in MTs)	Value (in Rs./Crores)
1	2	3	4
1	Nepal	35000.0	30.46
	Total	35000.0	30.46

Financial Year : 1995-96 (Figures are Provisional)

1	Nepal	15000.00	17.34
2	Maldives	1000.00	1.30
3	Somalia	2000.00	2.65
4	Aden	2200.00	2.80
5	Myanmar	8000.00	10.50
6	U.S.A.	9336.22	11.85
7	Eritrea	12500.00	15.25
8	Yemen	15000.00	18.51
9	France	30300.00	72.64
10	Russia	63750.00	93.44
11	Sri Lanka	110095.00	137.54
12	Indonesia	180136.12	230.86
	Total	449317.34	614.68

Financial Year : 1996-97 (upto 30.11.1996)

			(Fig. are Provisional).
1.	Nepal	25850.00 (Provisional)	Not available
2	Ealman	1770.25	2.33
3	Male	2175.00	2.89

1	2	3	4
4.	Yemen	2500.00	2.75
5.	Dubai	5500.00	7.03
6.	Myanmar	5500.00	6.53
7.	Jordan	6000.00	7.98
8.	France	10000.00	26.78
9.	U.S.A.	13593.00	19.13
10.	Russia	26250.00	26.69
11.	Kenya	29500.00	38.09
12.	Bangladesh	35758.50	48.66
13.	Indonesia	59800.00	70.98
14.	Sri Lanka	92726.05	117.67
15.	Pakistan	276850.75	354.53
	Total	567923.55*	732.04

* Excluding Nepal

Funds for Earthquake Preparedness

2632. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala for financial and technical assistance for earthquake disaster preparedness; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala has informed that it is preparing a proposal for earthquake preparedness for submission to the India Meteorological Department. The proposal have not yet been received by the India Meteorological Department.

Production of Wheat

2633. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been provided/ proposed to be provided by the Union Government for the successful implementation of the comprehensive plan worked out by scientists to raise the wheat production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Union Government is providing assistance to Directorate of Wheat Research Karnal, its Regional Stations and Project Centres under All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Programme. The research activities undertaken in these programmes will help in generating technologies to enable higher productivity of wheat.

(b) A statement showing assistance provided to Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal, its Regional Stations and Project Centres under All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Programme in various States is attached.

STATEMENT

Assistance Provided to Directorate of Wheat Research Karnal, its Regional Stations and Project Centres under the All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Programme

		Allocation during VIII Plan (1992-97)
1.	Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal and its Regional Stations	7.48.18.000
2.	Centres under the All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Project	7.46.81.901
	Total	14.94.99.901
	say Rs	14.95 crore

Details of Centres and allocation

State		Centre	Allocation during VIII Plan (1992-97)
1		2	3
Assam	1.	Shillongani	9.16.185
Bihar	2.	Sabour	18.36.000
	3.	Ranchi	12.49.500
Haryana	4.	Hisar	39.63.375
Himachal Pradesh	5.	Palampur	28.39.425
	6.	Dhaulakuan	13.27.875
Gujarat	7.	Vijapur	39.22.500
	8.	Junagarh	21.55.950
Jammu & Kashmir	9.	Srinagar	7.51.350
Karnataka	10.	Dharwad	34.25.250
Madhya Pradesh	11.	Bilaspur	16.09.500
	12.	Gwalior	16.74.750
	13.	Powerkhera	33.00.750
	14.	Sagar	28.91.850